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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Class of 2026:

Today marks both the end of our time with the California State University and the start of an exciting new chapter. Along with the degree you worked so hard to earn, you have gained knowledge, skills and connections that I know will take you far.

Your accomplishment is celebrated today by so many people, including those who supported you on this journey: your family, friends and all those whose love sustained you; the faculty who trained you to look at the world with a critical eye and an open mind; and the counselors, advisors, librarians, tutors and coaches who together created an encouraging environment for you to succeed and to thrive.

You have made all of them, and me, extraordinarily proud.

As you face new opportunities in the days ahead, you will do so empowered by your membership in a vibrant global network of more than four and a half million CSU alumni. Together, you are certain to enrich our workforce and communities. After all, CSU alumni (like you!) have so much to contribute, whether it is exploring solutions to society's greatest challenges, working to educate and inspire the next generation or powering the fight for democracy and a more just world.

No matter the path you choose, please stay connected to your alma mater and to the CSU. Your connections – both to your campus and to other CSU alumni – are powerful tools that can help to open new doors of possibility. Likewise, I encourage you to offer support to all those who aspire to follow in your footsteps in pursuit of a CSU degree.

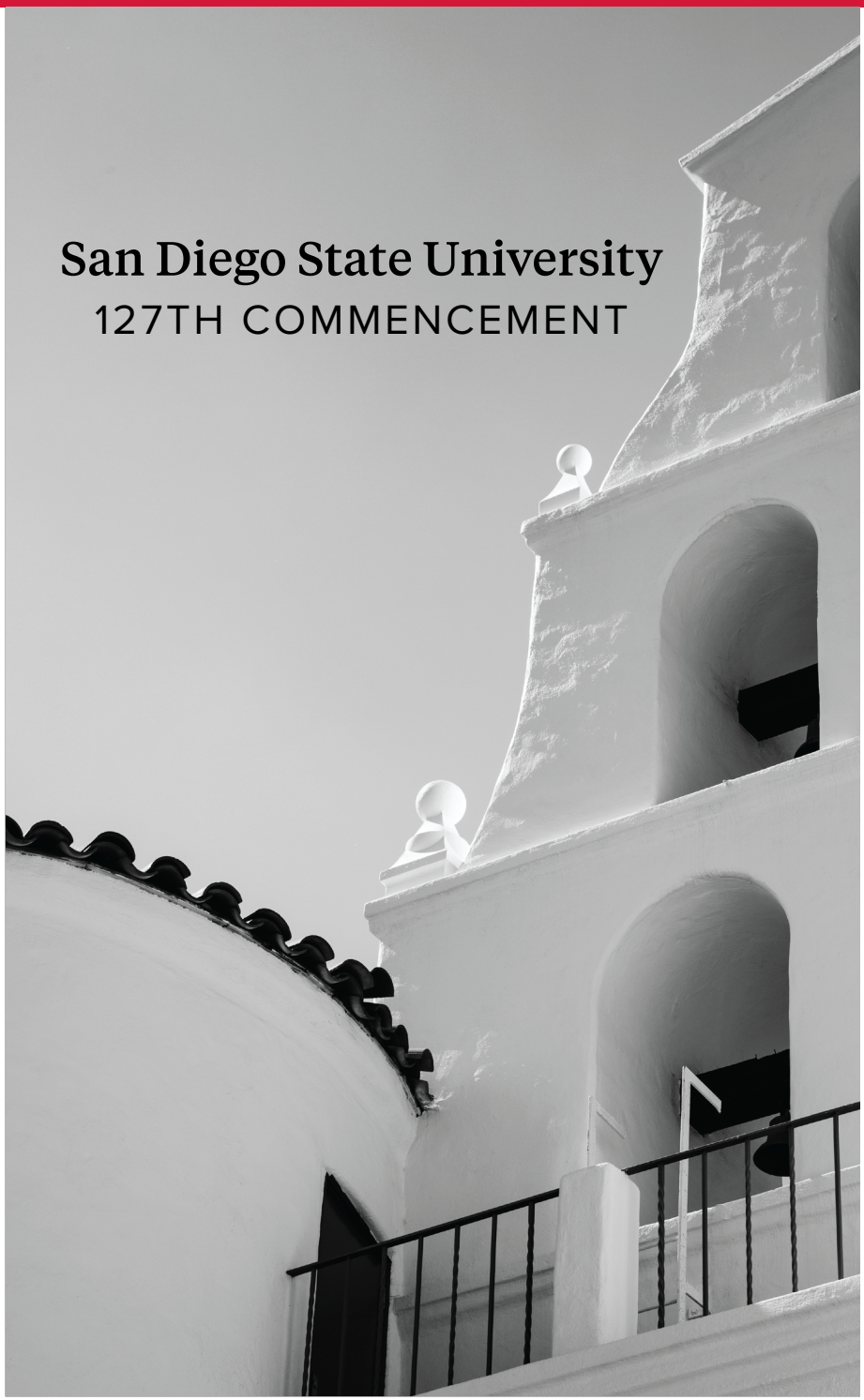
You begin writing your next chapter today – and I wish you every success. May your hard work and creativity lead to happiness, prosperity and deep fulfillment, both in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Felicidades, California State University Class of 2026! I can't wait to see all that you will accomplish.

Warmly,

Mildred García

Mildred García, Ed.D.
Chancellor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127TH COMMENCEMENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate:

On this extraordinary day, I join the faculty, staff, alumni and supporters of San Diego State University in celebrating your achievement. Your degree is a reflection of the tenacity, commitment and personal growth that brought you to this defining milestone in your life.

During your time at SDSU, you challenged yourself academically, discovered new passions and sharpened your aspirations. The perseverance, integrity and resilience you demonstrated here will serve you well in your profession, in your community and in all that lies ahead. I look forward with great anticipation to the impact the Class of 2026 will make as you help shape a vibrant future for our region and the world.

As members of the Class of 2026, you have contributed to a remarkable era in our university's 129-year history. You advanced record levels of growth, achievement and student success at SDSU. You helped propel SDSU into the elite ranks of R1 institutions—recognized among the top 5% of universities nationwide for research activity. And in your time at SDSU, you and your class played an important part in elevating our academic excellence and national reputation.

As you celebrate this achievement, pause and reflect on those who were with you throughout your journey. From family members and loved ones to friends, mentors and SDSU's faculty and staff, take time today to express your appreciation for their belief in you and the roles they played in your success.

Looking ahead, you become part of a global community of more than half a million living Aztec alumni. It is a powerful network that includes public servants and civic leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators, educators, scientists, artists and changemakers across every field. Throughout your life, this community will stand ready to offer connection, mentorship and opportunity. "Aztec for Life" is more than just a saying; it is a culture and commitment.

As you complete this chapter and begin the next, remember that SDSU will always be your university home. Whether you are pursuing advanced study or progressing in your career, stay engaged with the SDSU Alumni organization and take advantage of your lifetime access to the university's Career Services resources. In the years ahead, I hope you will return to campus to share your experiences and inspire future generations of Aztecs.

For now, take pride in this moment and celebrate all you have achieved. Your success is well deserved, and we honor you.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduates,

It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations as you reach this remarkable milestone. The College of Graduate Studies celebrates your achievements with pride and is honored to welcome you into our community of distinguished graduate alumni.

Your journey to this moment reflects perseverance, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to growth. Throughout your time here, you have deepened your expertise while strengthening your ability to lead, innovate, and make meaningful contributions in your field. You now join a legacy of scholars and professionals whose work continues to shape communities and advance knowledge.

Today, we celebrate not only your accomplishments but also those who supported you along the way; your families, friends, mentors, and peers who stood by you during late nights, tight deadlines, and the inevitable moments of uncertainty. Their encouragement and belief in you helped sustain your efforts through challenges and triumphs alike, making this achievement a shared success.

As you move forward, whether you are continuing your education, entering professional practice, academia, industry, public service, or other new ventures, carry with you the confidence and perspective your graduate education has fostered. Continue to question, to challenge, and to pursue work that creates positive change.

The world needs your energy, your insight, and your leadership now more than ever. Be bold in your ambitions, generous in your service, and, importantly, unshakable in your values. Your voice matters, and the impact you will make is only just beginning.

Wherever your path leads, know that you remain an important part of the San Diego State University community. We look forward to hearing about the lives you touch, the problems you solve, and the future you help shape.

We are proud to welcome you as ambassadors for our graduate programs.

On behalf of San Diego State University, I wish you, our 2026 graduates, congratulations on earning your graduate degree.

Take care and stay connected.

Warm regards,

Tracy Love

Tracy Love, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Graduate Studies

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Graduates and Faculty

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Recognition of Graduates

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Closing Remarks and Recessional

Dr. Tracy Love
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ACADEMIC
REGALIA

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, also known as academic regalia, originated in Medieval European universities during the 14th century, when commencement ceremonies were associated with religious ordination. In observance of tradition, all participants in commencement ceremonies wear full academic regalia, consisting of a traditional black gown, hood and mortar board.

Bachelor's and master's gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate's field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor's gown; short sleeves for the master's; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

The standard cap worn with academic regalia is the mortar board in black. Graduates with a bachelor's degree wear a red and black tassel to represent SDSU school colors and graduates with a master's degree wear an all-black tassel. Doctoral graduates wear a tam with a gold tassel.

Postgraduate candidates wear hoods that fit around the neck in front and drape down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays the university colors of red and black. In addition, colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate's field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master's hood, and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

THE GOWN

The typical academic gown is black, but some institutions choose colored gowns to signify certain colleges, universities or degrees. Bachelor's and master's gowns are plain, although sometimes worn with honor cords or stoles. The doctoral gown is trimmed down the front and around the sleeves with bands of velvet, either in black or a color associated with the graduate's field of study. Sleeve styles also vary with the degree: pointed sleeves on the bachelor's gown; short sleeves for the master's; and round, full sleeves for the doctoral robe.

THE HOOD

Graduates holding master's and doctoral degrees also typically wear a hood that fits around the neck in front and drapes down over the robe in back. The hood lining displays colors associated with particular schools. Chevrons in a second color indicate a dual emphasis, while colored velvet edging on the hood corresponds to the graduate's field of study. The doctoral hood is longer than the master's hood, and trimmed with additional velvet panels.

THE CAP

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Tradition

CEREMONY

CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is carried at the head of the academic procession at commencement and other special occasions to signify the importance of the event and the values of the university.

The university's mace was designed and handcrafted for San Diego State University by Michael Rybicki, an alumnus of the Master of Fine Arts jewelry and metalsmithing program.

The mace takes the iconic image of Hepner Hall as its main inspiration. Hepner Hall stands at the historic heart of the campus, and its bell tower and arch are well-loved symbols of the university for students, alumni and the entire San Diego community. A stylized silhouette of the bell tower, made of four curved sheets of sterling silver, sits atop a silver bowl formed by the traditional skill of hand raising — a metalworking method dating back thousands of years. The sleek curves of the tower resting on the hand-hammered bowl represent the blending of SDSU's proud history with its modern and forward-facing scholarship, research and community engagement. These sculptural elements sit atop a turned and carved walnut handle.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The medallion worn by President Adela de la Torre at commencement was designed for her installation as the ninth president of San Diego State University on April 11, 2019. It was designed and created by metalsmith graduate student Rex Arthur Ramos. The nine waves of the medallion represent the past and current nine presidents of SDSU, each bringing a new wave of leadership. The circular shape of the medallion symbolizes a globe while iconic Hepner Hall encompasses this shape, reinforcing SDSU's global influence. SDSU is depicted at the very center of this globe on an abstract map of the local region. The inclusion of the border represents a university with many different cultures, while the coastal line signifies the nature that surrounds SDSU. The contemporary look of the medallion reflects a vision of the future for SDSU guided by President de la Torre.

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1963 John F. Kennedy
Doctor of Laws

1966 Glenn T. Seaborg
Doctor of Laws

1968 Edwin O. Reischauer
Doctor of Laws

1996 Bernard Lipinsky
Doctor of Humane Letters

1996 Alvena Storm
Doctor of Humane Letters

1997 D. Bruce Johnstone
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1997 Shimon Peres
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2002 Miguel León Portilla
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2002 Dwight E. Stanford
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2003 Charles F. Bolden
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2009 The Honorable Pete Wilson
Doctor of Laws

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2010 Don Coryell
Doctor of Humane Letters

2011 Kazuo Inamori
Doctor of Science

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2012 L. Robert Payne
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2013 Linda Lang
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2013 The Honorable Jerry Sanders
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2023 General Merrill Anthony McPeak
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2023 Jose Padilla
Doctor of Laws

2024 Adam Day
Doctor of Humane Letters

2024 James Silberrad Brown
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2025 Mark P. Arabo
Doctor of Humane Letters

2025 Norma A. Diaz
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IN MEMORIAM

With heavy hearts, San Diego State University honors the memories of students who passed away this last year.

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Harry Hollins

Jalen Sealee

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